GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:128
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PRODUCTION OF STEEL
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is recession in the Steel Industry:

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the production of steel during 1999-2000;

(d) whether the production targets for the said period have been realised;

(e) if so, the details in this connection;

(f) the total domestic offtake of the steel reported during the last three years both from domestic sources as well as from import separately;

(g) the target set for the production of steel during the Ninth and Tenth Plan periods; and
(h) the steps taken to achieve the target of production of steel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (H) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.128 FOR 1.8.20
SHRI B.K. PARTHASARATHI, AND KUMARI BHAVANA PUNDLIKRAO GAWALI REGARDING PRODUCTION OF STEEL.

(a) & (b): There has been a moderate growth in the consumption of steel during the period of last two years. The rate of growth for 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was 4% and 6.2% respectively.

(c) The production of finished steel during 1999-2000 was 26.71 million tonnes.

(d) (e) & (h): After liberalisation of steel sector no production targets are fixed by the Government and the steel producers plan their production on the basis of their estimated demand projections of different products.

(f) The consumption of finished steel from domestic sources as well as from imports during last three years is set out below:

(in million tonnes)

Year	Apparent Consumption	Out of which import
1997-98	22.6	1.58
1998-99	23.5	1.13
1999-2000	25.0	1.60(prov.)

(g) The Working Group on Iron and Steel for the Ninth Five Year Plan set up by the Planning Commission has projected that the production of finished carbon steel is expected to reach 38.012 million tonnes by 2001-02. No projections have been made for the Tenth Plan period.